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Washington's Election. [George Alfred Townsend in Chicago Tribune.]

On a Tuesday morning the fourteenth of April, 1789, a venerable old gentleman with fine eyes, an amiable countenance, and long, white locks, rode into the lawn of Mount Vernon, coming from Alexandria. Two gentlemen of the latter town accompanied him. It was between ten and eleven o'clock. A negro man sailied out to take the mags, and the old gentleman, entering the mansion, was received by Mrs. Washington.

"Why. Mr. Thompson," said the good lady, "where are you from, and how are your peo-

"From New York, madame," answered the old man. "I come to Mount Vernon upon a good errand—for the country at least. The General has been elected President of the United States under the new constitution, and I am the bearer of the happy tidings in a let-ter from John Langdon, President of the Sen-

The General was out visiting his farm, however, and the guests were entertained for two or three hours as we take care of our visitors in the country nowadays. A glass of the General's favorite Maderia, imported in the cases, was probably not the worst provision made for them, and the cheerful gossip of Mrs. Washington, who had known Mr. Thompson and visited his house in Philadelphia, helped to enfiven the time. This grave and respected old man was the link between the new government at New York and the new magistrate at Mount Vernon. Charles Thompson had been the Secretary through all its eventful career, of the Continental Congress which had directed the cause of the colonies from desultory revolt to independence and union, and now he had ridden over the long and difficult roads to appraise the first President of the republic of the wishes

of his countrymen. At one o'clock General Washington rode into the lawn of Mount Vernon, in appearance what Custis, his adopted son, has described: An old gentleman, riding alone, in plain drab clothes, broad brimmed white hat, a hickory switch in his hand, and carrying an umbrella with a long staff, which is attached to his saddle bow. The umbrella was used to shelter him from the sun, for his skin was tender and easily affected by its rays. Washington greeted Mr. Thompson with grave cordiality, as was his wont, inquiring for his family, and, divining already the object of his visit, broke the seal of John Langdon's official letter. Dinner followed, and, while the visitors retired to converse or stroll about the grounds, the President elect wrote a letter to the President of the Senate and sent it forthwith to the postoffice at Alexandria by a servant.

The letter was as follows: "Mount Vernon 14th April, 1889. SIR: I had the honor to receive your official communication, by the hand of Mr. Secretary Thompson about I o'clock this day, Having concluded to obey the important and flattering call of my country, and having been impressed with the idea of the expediency of my being with Congress at as early a period as possible, I propose to commence my journey on Thursday morning, which will be the day after to-

This done, the rest of the day passed in conferences between Washington and his wife, in the preparation of his baggage for the not unexpected journey, while, meantime, the distinguished guest was amused by the young official household in the library and grounds .-There was another female dear to the newly elected President, and he kept her in filial remembrance at the very moment of his greatest

promotion. It was growing late in the evening of the day on which our chapter opens, when Washington mounted his horse, and followed by his man Billy, rode off into the woods of Virginia with speed. His destination was Fredericksburg, nearly forty miles away, with two feries between-one at the Occoquan, the other at the Rappahannock. His purpose was to see his old mother, now about eighty years of age and drawing near the grave. It had been long since he had visited her, but he could not feel equal to the responsibilities of his great office until he should receive her blessing. Few candidates for the Presidency in our day would leave a warm mansion, filled with congratulating friends, to ride all night through the chilly April mists, to say adieu to a very old woman.

But thus piously the administration of Washington began. He passed old Pohick church, of which he was a vestryman-soon to tumble to ruins-crossed the roaring Occoquan, and by its deep and picturesque gorge, where passed the waters of the future bloody Bull Run, and by night he saw the old churches of Aquia and Potomac rise against the sky; he saw the decaying scaport of Dumfries. In the morning he was at Fredericksburg, and his mother was in his arms. Marches, perils, victories, houors, power surrendered in that look of helpless love, too deep for pride to show through its tears, and the President of the new State was to be a new-born babe again no dearer, no

He was just in time, for she had but the short season of summer to live, and, like many dying mothers, life seemed upheld, at fourscore and five, by waiting in love until he should come. History is ceremonious as to what passed between them, but the parting was solemn and touching, like the event. "You will see me no more," she said, "my great age and discase warn me that I shall not be long in this world. But go, George, to fulfill the destiny which Heaven appears to assign you. Go, my son, and may Heaven's and your mother's

blessing be with you always.' Passing from that dear, pathetic presence, the President elect, perhaps, did not hear the plaudits of the people in the streets of Fredericksburg. He road all day by the road he had come, and reached Mount Vernon before evening, having exhibited his power of endurance at the age of fifty-seven, by riding eighty miles in twenty-four hours. His good wife had made all ready; the equipage and baggage were at the door next morning, and, leaving Mrs. Washington and most of the household behind, he set out for New York at 10 o'clock on Thursday, the sixteenth of April, accompanied by Thompson and Humphreys. The new State Thompson and Humphreys Thompson and Hump was waiting anxiously for its magistrate.

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who have injured themselves by a certain prac-tice, already described, a habit frequently learn-ed from evil companions or at school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply im-

MARRIAGE Reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage, the prospect hourly darkens to the view, the mind becomes shadowed with despair, and filled with

delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease makes their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head free and extranities. blotches on the head, face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the gressing with irightiul rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commisseration till death puts a period to his dreadful suffering, by sending him to that undiscovered country 'Irom

injurious compounds, and instead of being restored to a renewal of Life, Vigor and Happiness in despair leaves him with ruined Health to sigh

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